

May 2015 Historian Report for June Board Meetings
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Historian Activities During May 2015:

- Attended Westfield Town Board meeting May 6, 2015, and gave April Historian Report
- Attended Westfield Village Board meeting May 18, 2015, and gave April Historian Report
- Hosted Scott Ensminger, WNY Waterfalls Historian, May 1-2, 2015 to evaluate information and condition of two local waterfalls.
- Attended CCHS Book and Paper Show, May 2, 2015, and purchased several items pertaining to Westfield history, including Grover A. Winch's autobiography, "My First Ninety Years" that was published in 1975. Grover Winch's wife, Ruth Winch, was Superintendent of Chautauqua County Schools from 1942 to 1962, when my parents, Don and Frances Blackburn were both teachers at WACS. The Winches were residents of Westfield from 1937 until their respective deaths (Grover in 1983, and Ruth in 2001) and they owned the Oxbow Hill Ranch on Sherman Road.
- Met with Margot Russell, a journalist-writer for the Jamestown Post Journal, to provide historical information about how Westfield had celebrated Memorial Day in years gone by. Billie Dibble had written ten different articles about this in her ten years of writing Dibble's Dabbles, and these provided a wealth of information for Russell's project.
- A change in editorial staff at the Dunkirk Observer, where the Westfield Republican is put together for publication each week, caused a lapse of one week for BeeLines article the first week of May, but the confusion was resolved, and Garrett Nelson is now the editorial person to whom I submit articles. Nelson is doing a good job!
- BeeLines articles researched, written, & published in WR with historic photos in May:
 1. History Highlights of the Spencer Block from 1870-1950, photo c. 1886 - WR May 14, 2015
 2. Remembering Westfield's Drive-In Theater, photo 1960s, drawing 1952 - WR May 21, 2015
 3. A "Grate" History Mystery Solved!, grate photo 2010, photo postcard c. 1910 - WR 5-28-15
- Met with John Paul Wolfe to share information about Spencer Block proprietors in his family. Based on that located further information for Buzzings from BeeLines WR 5-18-2015
- Continuing to post BeeLines articles and photos on Facebook, and submit same to Vince Luce to post on Village Historian web page

My house is on the market (potential sale in process), and my offer on a condo at Edgewater has been accepted. So will soon need a location in the village, preferably in Eason Hall, for a small historian office to meet clients and keep historian files. Thank you.